

In an echo of the jealousies and divisions among the officers of the garrison, which the military tribunal which tried the men denounced as having worked largely to the downfall of the town.

Smirnoff, from the beginning, was Gen. Stoessel's bitterest enemy, and after the war and during the trial of the former commander of Port Arthur he lost no opportunity to outdo Stoessel in a spectacular manner. On the other hand, Fock was a partisan of Stoessel, and it was his evidence at the trial, in which he upheld the commander's judgment and prowess, that caused Smirnoff to call him "a liar and a wretched traitor," according to an exact translation.

Made Secret Report.

Gen. Smirnoff was acting commandant of the Port Arthur fortress during the siege and at the time of its surrender to the Japanese. After his return to Russia he prepared a secret report of the defense of Port Arthur, which was the basis of the indictments on which Lieut.-Gen. Stoessel, Lieut.-Gen. Fock, who commanded the Fourth East Siberian Division at Port Arthur, and Major-Gen. Reiss, chief of staff of Gen. Stoessel, were tried for their lives before the supreme court-martial.

Stoessel was accused of cowardice and incapacity, and Fock, according to the indictment, displayed thorough incapacity and want of judgment. He was charged with disobeying Stoessel's orders to defend Tsin-Chau to the last extremity. His incompetence, according to Smirnoff, resulted in the Russian defeat at this point, and he induced Stoessel to order a retreat by declaring the Russian troops to be in a most critical position when this was not the fact.

He was further reproached with every kind of pettiness and mischievous criticism of the various commanders at Port Arthur.

Bitter Against Them.

Smirnoff's report has been characterized as extremely biased and breathing the most bitter personal enmity toward the high officers of the Port Arthur garrison.

The outcome of the trial was the sentence to death of Gen. Stoessel, but this finding was later commuted to ten years' imprisonment, while Fock was ordered to be reprimanded for a disciplinary offense.

Smirnoff also was on trial before the court-martial, charged with having failed to remove Fock from his command, although he suspected an agreement between Stoessel and Fock to surrender the fortress. He was acquitted of this charge.

During the trial Fock was reported as the only one of the officers who preserved the ferocious demeanor and unruffled dignity which are results of the training of Russian soldiers. Stoessel and Smirnoff frequently wept, especially when they were denounced, and their friends often showed much emotion.

OFFICIAL TRIBUTE TO HUGH BONNER

Mayor McClellan Sends Message to Board of Aldermen, Which Adopts Resolution.

In response to a message by Mayor McClellan, the Board of Aldermen today adopted a resolution expressing the sorrow of the city at the death of Fire Commissioner Hugh Bonner. An engrossed copy of the resolution, which was introduced by Alderman Frank Dowling, will be sent to Mr. Bonner's family. The Mayor, in his message, said:

"It is my duty to inform you, for such action as you may deem fitting, of the death of Hugh Bonner, Fire Commissioner of the City of New York. Bonner left a record probably unequalled in the regular department in 1885, chief of battalion in 1872, second assistant chief of department in 1883, first assistant chief in 1884, chief in 1889, retiring in May, 1899, he left an impression on the service never to be effaced.

"It was fitting that in the maturity of his powers the man whose name was so graven in the keystone of the department should have been called in as the directing head of its administrative functions. I measure the loss to my administration by the great good fortune which the city realized when the late chief returned to its service in 1906.

"Every mark of respect is due to Chief Bonner from the city which benefited so long and so well by his methods and devices for fire-fighting, his superb example of devotion to duty, of personal courage and clean living. Without such men as Hugh Bonner the militant forces of the world would have no inspiration and no history.

"In paying tribute to his memory we are setting the highest ideals for the public service."

WHAT CAUSE HEADACHE? From October to May colds are the most frequent cause of headache. LAXATIVE FROM QUININE AND IRON. D. W. GORE on box 250.

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OFFICIAL VOTING COUPON.

This Coupon Entitles the Holder to Cast One Vote for the KING or QUEEN of the

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MRS. MCKEE IS ASSAILED IN HER SUIT FOR DIVORCE

Scandalous Doings Charged in Answer to Her Accusations Against Husband.

PROMINENT MEN NAMED.

But Lawyer for Hart McKee in Paris Court, Fails to Offer Proof of Allegations.

PARIS, March 18.—Maitre Labori today presented to the court the side of the husband in the divorce suit brought in this city by Mrs. A. Hart McKee against Mr. McKee. The first hearing of the case took place March 4 when Mrs. McKee, through counsel, described certain alleged indignities to which she had been subjected by her husband. Today Maitre Labori made counter charges of a most scandalous character against the wife and declared that if the court granted a divorce it should pronounce in favor of the defendant and not in that of the plaintiff.

Mrs. McKee is a daughter of George W. Baxter, of Tennessee. She was the widow of Hugh Tevis at the time of her marriage to Mr. McKee in Philadelphia in January, 1905.

Maitre Labori declared that Mr. McKee married Mrs. Tevis to save her honor. He mentioned also an Italian marquis as a co-responder.

A large crowd had packed the courtroom in anticipation of sensational disclosures, and it was not disappointed. Maitre Labori, at the outset, complained bitterly of the flood of accusations against his client, with which he said the American press had been filled, and he charged that they were inspired by Col. Baxter, Mrs. McKee's father, and that their publication made a reconciliation impossible.

The previous allegations of Mr. McKee's cruelty to his wife and child and of the flagrant disregard of the law and then in support of the contention that Mr. McKee should receive the decree of divorce Maitre Labori produced a letter from Mr. McKee to his wife, dated in Philadelphia, in which he declared that during a single month Mr. McKee had spent \$200 on flowers for his wife.

Maitre Labori made charges, but he offered no proof of Mrs. McKee's alleged infidelity. His conclusion was based on the fact that Mrs. McKee, when she was Mrs. Tevis, and Lord Roslyn, who was her lover, were in Philadelphia. In the case of the Italian Marquis no other proof was submitted except that Mrs. McKee was his wife and the Marquis emerging from a garden together.

Maitre Labori did not conclude his presentation of the case, and the hearing will be continued March 26.

"L" ROADS STOP, NEW 'SHORT CIRCUIT'

Unexplained Interruption Stalls Traffic on System in Manhattan.

The elevated system had again this afternoon the experience of last night, when the entire system was tied up through a short circuit of the electric current.

The second short circuit came on the cables running between the East Seventh and fourth street generating plant and Substation No. 5, on Division street.

As there had been a similar stoppage last night, the employees had been called in just what was to be expected, and the necessary current sent through other cables.

During the cessation there was no power, nor light on trains and station buildings. The stoppage was a material thing to the thousands of the city who had necessitated lights at many of the station buildings.

It was said at the Interborough office that on account of the form of the cables the stoppage was at a minimum and no inconvenience was occasioned.

It was reported that none of the passengers had left trains to walk to stations where stalled, but that the trains, probably because of the pouring rain.

PERJURY IN EVERY CASE TRIED, CITY JUDGE DECLARES

Crime Committed Daily in Civil and Criminal Actions, J. I. Green Says.

Judge Joseph I. Green, of the Municipal Court, in a decision today declared that perjury of the most flagrant character prevailed in the courts. The case was of minor importance, but it served to lift the lid off a state of affairs which startled the Court.

The amount at stake was \$134.50 for extra repairs to a tenement at No. 572 East Tenth street. There was \$20 due for original work. Isador Fradel, the contractor, and others sued Nathan Kohn and others to recover.

According to Judge Green, the evidence was so confusing and contradictory, that he was forced to visit the premises. He practically adjourned court to the tenement-house and made a personal inspection.

Judge Green found that some of the work the plaintiff claimed had been completed was not done at all. In fact, he found that both sides were at fault. "An examination of all the facts leads to the conclusion that both the plaintiff and defendant in this action have deliberately sworn falsely in an attempt to deceive the Court," says Judge Green. "But I am satisfied that neither counsel is in any way responsible."

"The time has arrived when something radical must be done to stem the torrent of perjury which is engulfing the efforts to administer justice in the courts of our community. Starting as it may appear, I venture the assertion, without fear of contradiction, that in almost every case tried in our courts, civil and criminal, except where questions of law alone are involved, perjury is daily committed. False swearing may be heard in every case. A people's court, to do its duty, must respect for the sanctity of an oath and consider the solemn vow to tell the truth, but a perjury of the more effective detail of matter for the side which they wish to succeed. No one rule of used seems to have a monopoly of this vice."

"Sincerity of man in his social, political and religious life is supposed to have almost entirely passed away, and to this is attributed the alarming conditions under which we live. Perjury is rampant and the testimony in the whole of our courts is a mass of lies. In the case at bar I have awarded a money judgment to the plaintiff, but I cannot sufficiently express my condemnation of the plaintiff and defendant, and to deprive the charge of perjury against him, he declared that during a single month Mr. McKee had spent \$200 on flowers for his wife."

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ARTISTIC THIEF TAKES MINIATURES

Makes Off With Two Tiny Paintings Valued by Artist at \$1,000.

Latter day and up-to-date burglars, so the police have discovered, possess a good knowledge of silverware and readily distinguish between the solid and plated ware, but the detectives are now searching for a thief who evidently possesses a fine discrimination and knowledge of miniatures, an accomplishment the unknown thief shares in common with J. P. Morgan, an ardent collector of the tiny paintings.

Two miniatures, said to be worth \$500 each, were taken Monday night from a glass case in front of the studio of Mrs. Jennie Delany Rice, No. 7 West Thirtieth street. Whether the paintings were taken by just an ordinary eight-day dormer thief, who purloined them because they were handy, or a dilettante hoarder, who really possessed an appreciation of art, is not known. The artist, who had been working on the paintings, said that they were two of the most highly prized in his collection. The artist, one of them having been highly praised at the exhibition of the American Society of Miniature Painters.

Usually Mrs. Rice takes the miniatures out of the case at the close of the day, but St. Patrick's day was a holiday and she was away. A maid discovered they were gone.

It is a well known painter of miniatures and is especially distinguished as having painted a life-sized portrait of Henry Green, a painter.

There also, in the Thirtieth street studio, a painting of Mrs. Jefferson Davis.

FOES TO RACE TRACK GAMBLING IN ALBANY.

(Special to The Evening World.)

ALBANY, March 18.—The forces in charge of the anti-race-track gambling campaign caught today a party of men who had been engaged in the practice of the game, and they were taken to the Albany county jail before the Senate Judiciary Committee.

They will fight any attempt to allow credit betting at the tracks. Dr. Walter Laidlaw announced that the following speakers were ready to appear before the committee: Rabbi Stephen S. Wise, A. G. Koebler, Rev. Dr. Charles H. Parkhurst and ex-Senator George W. Bruce.

PUGILIST DYING AFTER KNOCKOUT IN RING.

ST. JOSEPH, Mo., March 18.—"Lock" Allen was so severely injured in a boxing contest before a local club last night when he was knocked out in the following rounds that he is now in a critical condition, and he can live only a few hours.

Allen was recently pardoned from the penitentiary by Gov. Folk, having been sentenced as the ringleader in a plot to blow up the Buchanan county jail with dynamite.

Stern of Ocean Greyhound Rammed by Steamer in Fog

Photographed for The Evening World by a Staff Artist.



HOLE IN STERN OF KRONPRINZ WILHELM

SEA RACER RAMMED BY SHIP IN DENSE FOG ON UPPER BAY

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their scattered quarters in screaming flight, many of them diving. "She's going to sink!" which further aggravated the excitement of the passengers.

Henry Michaels, one of the stewards, was in his bunk at the moment of the collision and was badly injured. He was sent by wireless to the office of the North German Lloyd Company while the vessel was still marooned in the fog.

Will Be Repaired in Time. The Kronprinz was on her first westward voyage since coming out of the dock where she had lain all winter, being refitted and prepared for the heavy summer season.

Capt. Mueller, superintendent of the Hoboken pier, after an inspection of the hole in the Kronprinz's stern, said he thought she could be patched up so as to leave on schedule time next Tuesday, and then go into dry dock on the other side.

The Kronprinz was delayed sailing from Bremen seven hours, owing to the fact of the Kaiser's presence there. At Southampton a ganepank snapped and fell into the water, causing another delay of several hours.

According to the passengers, the crew showed perfect discipline at the time of the accident.

ORIENTAL BANK GETS READY TO PAY

Its Counsel Has Conference With Officials of State Banking Department.

Following the action of the Appellate Division in affirming Justice O'Grady's order discharging the receivers of the Oriental Bank, the counsel for the bank and officers of the State Banking Department today arranged for the early consummation of the plan to pay the depositors.

It had been arranged before the Attorney-General had interfered that the Oriental Bank would turn over its assets to the Metropolitan Trust Company, which would furnish the cash for the payment of depositors in full.

The superintendent of banks, in whose custody the assets of the bank now were, since it closed, notified the officers today that he had been served with an order of the Supreme Court as affirmed by the Appellate Division, and that the deal with the Metropolitan Trust Company should be carried out at once.

At the close of the meeting, Hugh Reilly, President of the bank, said: "I am thankful over the situation. Just as soon as we were permitted to we would have a meeting of the board and authorized and signed the contract with the Metropolitan Trust Company. Does that mean you are going to wait away the Oriental depositors right away?"

Just as soon as we can. The contract was in operation immediately. President Reilly said that the Metropolitan Trust Company, said this afternoon that the delivery of the assets to the Oriental Bank had been made, and that the receiving of the order of affirmation upon Henry Schneider, who is also a receiver.

ARMOUR SUCCEEDS FISH IN ILLINOIS CENTRAL.

The directors of the Illinois Central Railroad Company today voted to authorize the holding of a special meeting of stockholders to vote on an increase of 50 per cent. in the company's capital stock.

At today's meeting of the directors, a motion was made to call a special meeting of the stockholders at the special meeting vote favorably upon the proposition to increase the capital stock by 50 per cent. It is proposed to offer one-half of the new issue to shareholders at par and to issue convertible bonds against the other half.

WED NINE WIVES, BUT CONFESSES TO "ONLY THREE"

No. 5 Met Kohler at a Ball and Refused to Give Up Her Money.

When Joseph Kohler, a big, blond, German of thirty-four years, was arraigned before Judge Mulqueen in the Court of General Sessions today and pleaded guilty to having three wives and acknowledged an aggregate of eight children, he threw out his chest and seemed mighty proud.

Nor did he let down his expansion when one of the three wives he admitted, declared on the stand that there were really nine Mrs. Joseph Kohlers, and that she was only No. 5.

A trio of wives were courted. The first wife, Mrs. Caroline Kohler, was married to the engaging young man in Germany, May 27, 1890. She, as well as he, has had an interesting career. Leaving her to come to America, he returned to Germany and found he was serving an eight months' sentence for forgery. When she got out of jail he brought her to New York and they had seven children.

After the seventh child was born Joseph began to wander about the country. On May 19, 1898, he married Lena Herman Esel at North Bergen, N. J., according to the testimony. He left her after two days and on a Saturday night married Miss Josephine Esel, a singer in the Brooklyn Borough Hall.

He lived with her eight weeks, testified the former Miss Esel, and left her, taking all my money. He is the father of my child. When Mrs. Lena Kohler was called to the stand by Judge Mulqueen she said: "I met him at a ball on a Saturday night. We were married on the following Thursday. He lived with me two days, and when I refused to give him my savings, left me. He has nine wives, all alive, and I am only No. 5."

When the Court asked Kohler if he had nine wives his lawyer, Samuel Feldman, said:

"It is unnecessary to know. He has confessed to three wives, which is sufficient for the bigamy charge. 'What makes him marry so often?' asked the Judge.

"I guess he must be crazy," replied the lawyer. "I guess I am crazy," echoed the prisoner, smiling broadly.

He was committed for sentence until next Monday.

ORCHARD SENTENCED TO DIE ON GALLOWES

Confessed Assassination of Ex-Gov. Steunenburg and Accused Others.

CALDWELL, Idaho, March 18.—Harry Orchard was today sentenced to death for the assassination of ex-Gov. Steunenburg. Orchard confessed the crime soon after his arrest, but charged that he was only the tool of conspirators in the Western Federation of Miners.

Haywood, Pettibone and others implicated by him were arrested and tried, but the prosecution failed in each instance.

Judge Fremont Wood, who passed sentence, recommended that it be committed to life imprisonment.

Judge Wood stated that he believed Orchard in his testimony in the trials of Haywood and Pettibone attempted to conceal nothing. He therefore recommended that the State Board of Pardons commute Orchard's sentence of death to imprisonment in the State penitentiary for the balance of his life.

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BODY OF POLICEMAN FITZGERALD FOUND

Lost His Life While Trying to Prevent Man From Leaping Off the Bridge.

John Ryan, an employee at the Fulton Market, today said a dark object bobbing about in the East River a few feet from the end of a wharf at the foot of Beekman street, a close inspection established him that it was a man's body. With a boathook he drew it to the surface. With the help of two longshoremen he made it fast.

The skirts of the coat of the dead man were turned inside out by the action of the water. Ryan returned with the body to the Fulton Market, where he was met by two patrolmen who got the body out of the water with some difficulty.

As he bent over the body Gates uttered a sharp exclamation. He said the body was that of a policeman. Robert J. Fitzgerald was the policeman who had been found at last.

Save the Babies.

INFANT MORTALITY is something frightful. We can hardly realize that of all the children born in civilized countries, twenty-two per cent, or nearly one-quarter, die before they reach one year; thirty-seven per cent, or more than one-third, before they are five, and one-half before they are fifteen!

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FLAMES SWEEP SECTION OF MINNESOTA TOWN.

ST. PAUL, Minn., March 18.—Reports received at the Northwestern telephone headquarters here indicate that the entire business portion of the town of Brainerd, Minn., was destroyed by fire today.

The telephone exchange was destroyed and information to be obtained is meagre. There was no loss of life.

NEW YORK CENTRAL CUTS THE QUARTERLY DIVIDEND.

The directors of the New York Central and Hudson River Railroad Company today declared a quarterly dividend of 1.14 per cent. This is a reduction of 1.14 per cent. as compared with the quarterly dividend of three months ago.

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